

Ladies and gentlemen, global challenges can only be met by comprehensive international cooperation. This is also true for the third great task we need to stand up to in the 21st century, the wall that seemingly separates the present from the future. This wall bars from view the needs of future generations. It prevents us from doing what is urgently necessary to preserve the basis of our very life and our climate. We can already see now where this wasteful attitude towards our future leads: icebergs are melting in the Arctic; in Africa, people become refugees because their environment has been destroyed; the global sea level is rising.

I am delighted to note that President Obama and you, in your daily work, consider the protection of our climate to be a very important task. We all know that we have no time to lose. We need an agreement at the climate conference in Copenhagen in December. We need an agreement on one objective: global warming must not exceed 2 degrees Celsius. To achieve this, we need the readiness of all countries to exact internationally binding obligations. We cannot afford missing the objectives in climate protection that science tells us have to be met. This would not only be irresponsible from an environmental point of view, it would also be technologically shortsighted, for the development of new technologies in the field of energy offers great opportunities for growth and innovative jobs.

No doubt about it, in December the world will look to us, to the Europeans and to the Americans. And it is true, there can be no agreement without China and India. But I am convinced once we, in Europe and America, show ourselves ready to adopt binding agreements, that we will also be able to persuade China and India to join in. Then in Copenhagen, we shall be able to overcome this wall separating the present and the future in the interest of our children and grandchildren and in the interest of sustainable development all over the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am convinced that just as we found the strength in the 20th century to bring about the fall of the wall made of concrete and barbed wire, we shall now show that necessary strength to overcome the walls of the 21st century, walls in our minds, walls of shortsighted self-interest, walls between the present and the future.

Ladies and gentlemen, my confidence is nurtured and comes from a very important source, a very special sound, the sound of the Liberty Bell in Schöneberg Town Hall in Berlin. Since 1950, the bell, cast after the original American Liberty Bell, hangs there in the belfry. A gift from American citizens, it is a symbol of the promise of freedom, a promise that has been fulfilled. On the 3rd of October, 1990, the Liberty Bell rang again, signaling the unification of Germany, the greatest moment of joy for the German people.

On the 13th of September, 2001, it tolled out again, 2 days after 9/11, the greatest day of mourning for the American people.

(Spoken in English:)

The freedom bell in Berlin is, like the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, a symbol which reminds us that freedom does not come about by itself. It must be struggled for and then defended anew every day of our lives. In this endeavor, Germany and Europe will also in the future remain strong and dependable partners for America. That, I promise you. Thank you very much.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 11 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m., Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Majority Floor Services Chief escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The Members of the President's Cabinet;

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The purpose of the joint meeting having been completed, the Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 23 minutes a.m.), the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona) at noon.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings held during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3949, by the yeas and nays;
H. Res. 398, by the yeas and nays;
H. Res. 866, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

VETERANS' SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND SERVICEMEMBERS PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3949, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3949, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 382, nays 2, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 835]

YEAS—382

Aderholt	Carter	Franks (AZ)
Adler (NJ)	Cassidy	Frelinghuysen
Akin	Castle	Fudge
Alexander	Castor (FL)	Galleghy
Altmire	Chaffetz	Garrett (NJ)
Arcuri	Chandler	Giffords
Austria	Childers	Gingrey (GA)
Baca	Chu	Gohmert
Bachmann	Clarke	Gonzalez
Bachus	Cleaver	Goodlatte
Baird	Clyburn	Graves
Baldwin	Coble	Grayson
Barrow	Coffman (CO)	Green, Al
Bartlett	Cohen	Green, Gene
Barton (TX)	Conaway	Griffith
Bean	Connolly (VA)	Grijalva
Becerra	Cooper	Guthrie
Berkley	Costa	Hall (TX)
Berman	Costello	Halvorson
Berry	Courtney	Hare
Biggert	Crowley	Harman
Bilbray	Cuellar	Harper
Billirakis	Culberson	Hastings (FL)
Bishop (GA)	Cummings	Hastings (WA)
Bishop (NY)	Dahlkemper	Heinrich
Bishop (UT)	Davis (CA)	Heller
Blackburn	Davis (IL)	Hensarling
Blumenauer	Davis (KY)	Herger
Blunt	DeFazio	Herseth Sandlin
Bocciari	DeGette	Higgins
Boehner	Delahunt	Hill
Bonner	DeLauro	Himes
Bono Mack	Dent	Hinojosa
Boozman	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hirono
Boren	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hodes
Boswell	Dicks	Holden
Boucher	Dingell	Honda
Boustany	Doggett	Hoyer
Boyd	Donnelly (IN)	Hunter
Brady (TX)	Doyle	Inglis
Braley (IA)	Dreier	Inslee
Bright	Driehaus	Israel
Brown (GA)	Duncan	Issa
Brown (SC)	Edwards (MD)	Jackson (IL)
Brown-Waite,	Edwards (TX)	Jackson-Lee
Ginny	Ehlers	(TX)
Buchanan	Ellison	Jenkins
Burgess	Ellsworth	Johnson (GA)
Burton (IN)	Emerson	Johnson, E. B.
Butterfield	Engel	Johnson, Sam
Buyer	Eshoo	Jones
Calvert	Etheridge	Jordan (OH)
Camp	Fallin	Kagen
Campbell	Farr	Kanjorski
Cantor	Filner	Kaptur
Cao	Fleming	Kennedy
Capito	Forbes	Kildee
Capps	Fortenberry	Kilpatrick (MI)
Cardoza	Foster	Kilroy
Carnahan	Fox	Kind
Carson (IN)	Frank (MA)	King (IA)

King (NY)	Mitchell	Schock
Kirk	Mollohan	Schrader
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Moore (KS)	Schwartz
Kissell	Moore (WI)	Scott (GA)
Klein (FL)	Moran (VA)	Scott (VA)
Kline (MN)	Murphy (CT)	Sensenbrenner
Kosmas	Murphy (NY)	Serrano
Kratovil	Murphy, Tim	Sessions
Kucinich	Murtha	Sestak
Lamborn	Myrick	Shadegg
Lance	Nadler (NY)	Shea-Porter
Langevin	Napolitano	Sherman
Larsen (WA)	Neal (MA)	Shimkus
Larson (CT)	Neugebauer	Shuler
Latham	Nye	Shuster
Latta	Oberstar	Simpson
Lee (CA)	Obey	Skelton
Lee (NY)	Olson	Slaughter
Levin	Oliver	Smith (NE)
Lewis (CA)	Ortiz	Smith (NJ)
Lewis (GA)	Pastor (AZ)	Smith (TX)
Linder	Paulsen	Smith (WA)
LoBiondo	Pence	Snyder
Loeb sack	Perlmutter	Souder
Lofgren, Zoe	Perriello	Space
Lowey	Peters	Stark
Lucas	Peterson	Stearns
Luetkemeyer	Petri	Sullivan
Luján	Pingree (ME)	Sutton
Lummis	Pitts	Tanner
Lungren, Daniel E.	Platts	Taylor
	Poe (TX)	Teague
	Pollis (CO)	Terry
Lynch	Pomeroy	Thompson (CA)
Mack	Posey	Thompson (MS)
Maffei	Price (NC)	Thompson (PA)
Manzullo	Putnam	Thornberry
Marchant	Quigley	Tiahrt
Markey (CO)	Radanovich	Tiberi
Markey (MA)	Rangel	Tierney
Marshall	Rehberg	Titus
Massa	Reichert	Tonko
Matheson	Reyes	Tsongas
Matsui	Richardson	Turner
McCarthy (CA)	Rodriguez	Upton
McCarthy (NY)	Roe (TN)	Van Hollen
McClintock	Rogers (AL)	Visclosky
McCollum	Rogers (KY)	Walden
McCotter	Rogers (MI)	Walz
McDermott	Rohrabacher	Wasserman
McGovern	Rooney	Schultz
McHenry	Ros-Lehtinen	Waters
McIntyre	Roskam	Watson
McKeon	Ross	Watt
McMahon	Rothman (NJ)	Waxman
McMorris	Roybal-Allard	Weiner
	Royce	Welch
Rodgers	Ruppersberger	Westmoreland
McNerney	Rush	Wexler
Meek (FL)	Ryan (WI)	Whitfield
Melancon	Salazar	Wilson (OH)
Mica	Salazar	Wilson (SC)
Michaud	Sanchez, Loretta	Wittman
Miller (FL)	Sarbanes	Wolf
Miller (MI)	Scalise	Weiner
Miller (NC)	Schakowsky	Welch
Miller, Gary	Schauer	Westmoreland
Miller, George	Schiff	Wexler
Minnick	Schmidt	Whitfield
		Wilson (OH)
		Wilson (SC)
		Wittman
		Wolf
		Woolsey
		Wu
		Yarmuth
		Young (AK)

NAYS—2

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NOT VOTING—48

Abercrombie	Gordon (TN)	Pascrell
Ackerman	Granger	Payne
Andrews	Gutierrez	Price (GA)
Barrett (SC)	Hall (NY)	Rahall
Brady (PA)	Hinches	Ryan (OH)
Brown, Corrine	Hoekstra	Sánchez, Linda T.
Capuano	Holt	
Carney	Johnson (IL)	Sires
Clay	Kingston	Speier
Cole	Lipinski	Spratt
Conyers	Maloney	Stupak
Crenshaw	McCaul	Towns
Davis (AL)	Meeks (NY)	Velázquez
Davis (TN)	Moran (KS)	Wamp
Deal (GA)	Murphy, Patrick	Young (FL)
Fattah	Nunes	
Gerlach	Pallone	

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Messrs. BROWN of Georgia, SNYDER and MURPHY of New York changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Tuesday, November 3, and consequently missed rollcall vote No. 835 on H.R. 3949, the Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on H.R. 3949.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3949 as amended I would have voted “yea.”

RECOGNIZING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN AIRLIFT'S SUCCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 398, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 398. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 367, nays 0, not voting 65, as follows:

[Roll No. 836]

YEAS—367

Aderholt	Campbell	Edwards (MD)
Adler (NJ)	Cao	Edwards (TX)
Akin	Capito	Ehlers
Alexander	Capps	Ellison
Altmire	Cardoza	Ellsworth
Arcuri	Carnahan	Emerson
Austria	Carson (IN)	Engel
Baca	Cassidy	Eshoo
Bachmann	Castle	Etheridge
Bachus	Castor (FL)	Fallin
Baird	Chaffetz	Fattah
Baldwin	Chandler	Filner
Barrow	Childers	Flake
Bartlett	Chu	Fleming
Bean	Clarke	Forbes
Beceerra	Clay	Fortenberry
Berkley	Cleaver	Foster
Berman	Clyburn	Fox
Berry	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Biggert	Coffman (CO)	Fudge
Bilbray	Cohen	Gallagher
Bilirakis	Conaway	Garrett (NJ)
Bishop (GA)	Connolly (VA)	Giffords
Bishop (NY)	Cooper	Gingrey (GA)
Bishop (UT)	Costa	Gohmert
Blackburn	Costello	Gonzalez
Blumenauer	Courtney	Graves
Boccieri	Crowley	Grayson
Bonner	Cuellar	Green, Al
Bono Mack	Culberson	Green, Gene
Boozman	Cummings	Griffith
Boren	Dahlkemper	Grijalva
Boswell	Davis (CA)	Guthrie
Boucher	Davis (IL)	Hall (TX)
Boustany	Davis (KY)	Halvorson
Boyd	DeFazio	Hare
Brady (TX)	DeGette	Harman
Brady (IA)	Delahunt	Harper
Bright	DeLauro	Hastings (FL)
Brown (GA)	Dent	Hastings (WA)
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Heinrich
Brown-Waite, Ginny	Diaz-Balart, M.	Heller
Buchanan	Dicks	Hensarling
Burgess	Dingell	Herger
Burton (IN)	Doggett	Herseth Sandlin
Butterfield	Donnelly (IN)	Higgins
Buyer	Doyle	Hill
Calvert	Driehaus	Himes
	Duncan	Hinojosa

Hirono	McHenry	Sanchez, Loretta
Hodes	McIntyre	Sarbanes
Holden	McKeon	Scalise
Honda	McMahon	Schakowsky
Hoyer	McNerney	Schiff
Hunter	Meek (FL)	Schmidt
Inglis	Melancon	Schock
Inslee	Mica	Schrader
Issa	Michaud	Schwartz
Jackson (IL)	Miller (FL)	Scott (GA)
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Miller (MI)	Scott (VA)
Jenkins	Miller (NC)	Sensenbrenner
Johnson (GA)	Miller, Gary	Serrano
Johnson, E. B.	Miller, George	Sestak
Johnson, Sam	Minnick	Shadegg
Jones	Mitchell	Shea-Porter
Jordan (OH)	Mollohan	Sherman
Kagen	Moore (KS)	Shimkus
Kanjorski	Moore (WI)	Shuler
Kaptur	Moran (KS)	Shuster
Kennedy	Moran (VA)	Simpson
Kildee	Murphy (CT)	Skelton
Kilpatrick (MI)	Murphy (NY)	Slaughter
Kilroy	Murphy, Tim	Smith (NE)
Kind	Myrick	Smith (NJ)
King (IA)	Nadler (NY)	Smith (TX)
King (NY)	Napolitano	Smith (WA)
Kirk	Neal (MA)	Snyder
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Neugebauer	Souder
Kissell	Nye	Space
Klein (FL)	Oberstar	Speier
Kosmas	Olson	Stark
Kratovil	Oliver	Stearns
Kucinich	Ortiz	Sullivan
Lamborn	Pastor (AZ)	Sutton
Lance	Paul	Tanner
Langevin	Paulsen	Taylor
Larsen (WA)	Perlmutter	Teague
Larson (CT)	Perriello	Terry
Latham	Peters	Thompson (CA)
LaTourette	Peterson	Thompson (MS)
Latta	Petri	Thompson (PA)
Lee (CA)	Pingree (ME)	Thornberry
Lee (NY)	Pitts	Tiahrt
Levin	Platts	Tiberi
Lewis (CA)	Poe (TX)	Tierney
Lewis (GA)	Pollis (CO)	Titus
Linder	Pomeroy	Tonko
LoBiondo	Posey	Tsongas
Loeb sack	Price (NC)	Turner
Lofgren, Zoe	Putnam	Upton
Lowey	Quigley	Van Hollen
Lucas	Radanovich	Visclosky
Luetkemeyer	Rangel	Walden
Luján	Rehberg	Walz
Lummis	Reichert	Wasserman
Lungren, Daniel E.	Reyes	Schultz
	Richardson	Waters
Lynch	Rodriguez	Watson
Mack	Roe (TN)	Watt
Maffei	Rogers (AL)	Waxman
Manzullo	Rogers (KY)	Weiner
Marchant	Rogers (MI)	Welch
Markey (CO)	Rohrabacher	Westmoreland
Marshall	Rooney	Wexler
Massa	Ros-Lehtinen	Whitfield
Matheson	Ross	Wilson (OH)
Matsui	Rothman (NJ)	Wilson (SC)
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Wittman
McClintock	Royce	Wolf
McCollum	Ruppersberger	Woolsey
McDermott	Rush	Wu
McGovern	Ryan (WI)	Yarmuth
	Salazar	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—65

Abercrombie	Farr	McMorris
Ackerman	Frank (MA)	Rodgers
Andrews	Franks (AZ)	Meeks (NY)
Barrett (SC)	Gerlach	Murphy, Patrick
Barton (TX)	Goodlatte	Murtha
Blunt	Gordon (TN)	Nunes
Boehner	Granger	Obey
Brady (PA)	Gutierrez	Pallone
Brown, Corrine	Hall (NY)	Pascrell
Camp	Hinches	Payne
Cantor	Hoekstra	Pence
Capuano	Holt	Price (GA)
Carney	Israel	Rahall
Carter	Johnson (IL)	Ryan (OH)
Cole	Kingston	Sánchez, Linda T.
Conyers	Kline (MN)	Schauer
Crenshaw	Lipinski	Sessions
Davis (AL)	Maloney	Sires
Davis (TN)	McCarthy (CA)	
Deal (GA)	McCaul	
Dreier	McCotter	